

# An Open Letter To Gov. Brown

There seems to be an "Alice-in-Wonderland" touch of unreality about the choice of a site for the new four-year college to serve the future educational needs of the southwest region of Los Angeles County.

That air of unreality rouses in our minds a serious and critical question: "Shall the site of this new college of the future create a model of utility or a monument to politics?"

With that question uppermost in mind, this letter is written—as you said in your Inaugural Address to the people of California—"to bear a lantern for the future, not to carry a torch for the past."

Last November, the question seemed to be narrowed down to a choice between two sites: One in Torrance, and one on the Palos Verdes Peninsula.

Now, after the City of Torrance has prepared a study to show its advantages as a home for the new college, and to answer certain unrealistic objections raised in a November 8 hearing on the two sites, the touch of unreality comes out into the open with the information that the whole question of a choice of sites for the new college has been reopened.

In "reopening" of that question of sites it is understood that one in Inglewood is drawing the most favorable consideration at this time.

That, to our minds, represents carrying a torch for the past.

It takes only a glance at a map to see why. Inglewood is at the far northern edge of the area to be served by the new college, bounded by Slauson and Jefferson on the north, the coast on the west and south—the Harbor Freeway on the east.

A location in Inglewood is running directly against the course of future growth of the area to be served by the college.

The future growth will come in the Torrance area, not in Inglewood, where growth occurred in the past.

Inglewood is at the top of the area; Palos Verdes is at the bottom; and Torrance is located more closely to the center, more nearly in the geographic center and—we believe—directly in the future center of population of the area to be served by the new college.

Our belief is supported by population figures which show Torrance to have 34,088 more people than Inglewood today, and our growth is just beginning.

Our belief is supported by the County of Los Angeles, which is moving the Superior Court from Inglewood to Torrance.

Our belief is supported by the Government of the United States, which has moved its Internal Revenue Service office from Inglewood to Torrance.

Our belief is supported by industry, which is locating its most exciting projects of the future in Torrance.

Our belief is supported by the fact that the Torrance area is young—some 40 percent of its population is under 19 years of age—a young area that vitally needs a college for the education of its youth.

The choice of a site will determine whether the new college is to be a model of utility, or a monument to politics.

We know that the recommendation of the site is made by the Board of Trustees of California State Colleges.

We also know that the power to make the ultimate decision is yours.

If you carry the torch for the past, you will locate the college in Inglewood, where growth is the history of yesterday.

If you bear a lantern for the future, you shall locate the college in Torrance, where growth represents the exciting vitality of tomorrow.

Which choice do you prefer, Governor Brown?

## College Site Decision Due In February or March

The office of the Board of Trustees, California State Colleges, reported Monday to The Press that the Recommendation of the site of the new college for the southwest region of Los Angeles County will be made either at the board's February or March meeting.

## Last Night at City Council

The costs of the 116-page study in comparing the advantages of Torrance as a site for the new four-year college were questioned at the Council meeting.

The items before the Council for approval were \$955.37 to Denn Engineers of consulting work, and \$650 to Howard S. Martin for analysis and appraisal services.

Stanley E. Remelmeyer, City Attorney, said the consultants worked day and night to help prepare the study. "I've never seen such response," he said.

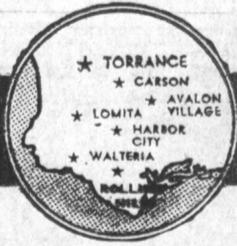
"The part I resent," said Mayor Albert Isen, is

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## Do You Know?

1. Four American Presidents were once appointed Secretaries of War. Who?
2. One didn't serve. Who?
3. What President of the U.S. was impeached because of that appointment to Secretary of War?
4. Virginia is named for a person. Who?
5. Two of the first three Presidents married wives named Martha. Who?

(Answers, Page A-6)

# BRAKES FAIL, WOMAN LEAPS

## Driverless Car Strikes 2nd Auto on Hawthorne

## Police Ram Fleeing Car; Nab Trio

The sounds of screeching tires, a shot, and steel clanging against steel echoed through the night as two determined Torrance police officers pursued the fleeing auto of three suspected burglars in a careening, 75-mile-an-hour chase through residential streets.

Detective Frank Solis and Sgt. Robert E. Hammond used their unmarked patrol car as a battering ram to end the chase in a dead-end street after a pistol shot by Hammond cut the speed of their quarry.

As the flight of the suspects slowed, the police first hunted their car against that of the trio, then bashed against its side, locking the two cars together and trapping three men inside with the loot.

The capture was the result of planning and alert police work. Solis and Hammond, who worked together smoothly as a team before Hammond became sergeant, were put on patrol in an effort to stop burglaries plaguing the northern area of Torrance.

A flash announcing a burglary came across the radio.

Shortly, they noticed two men carrying paper sacks being picked up in a car by a third man.

The chase followed. The trio were arraigned yesterday, charged with four burglaries. Preliminary hearing will be held next week, Detective Solis said.

Mrs. Mary Katherine Asaro, 28, of 20611 Tomlee Ave., Torrance, leaped in panic from her car Monday afternoon when its brakes failed to respond as the auto approached a stop sign on Torrance Blvd., at the intersection with Hawthorne Blvd.

The driverless car meandered out into a field, then headed back toward busy Hawthorne Blvd., knocking down a street sign as it approached the street.

The car weaved through several lanes of traffic, jounced crazily across the divider in the center of the boulevard, and crashed into the car of Francine C. Carll, of 23514 Susana Ave., Torrance.

Mrs. Asaro was taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital suffering from severe injuries to her back, lacerations of her scalp, and bruises on her body.

Her condition was described yesterday by hospital authorities as "fairly good."

The driver of the car which was struck by the driverless automobile of Mrs. Asaro was not hurt.

According to the Torrance police, who investigated the accident, when Mrs. Asaro applied the brakes, it flashed through her mind that a friend had been thrown through the windshield in an accident and killed.

Instantly, as the terrifying thought struck her mind, Mrs. Asaro wrenched open the door and leaped from the car.

There will be a sports night, sponsored by the South High Letterman's Club Jan. 25, from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Students will play volleyball, badminton, and ping-pong in the gym. A dance will follow. Proceeds go to the Letterman's Club Scholarship fund.

## Meet My Neighbor

By RUBY P. KUSCIENKA  
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I have as fine a neighbor as could be found anywhere. She's not just an ordinary neighbor. She's more than that. She's special.

We don't see each other every day, and sometimes not even for a week, but I always know that if I need her, I don't have to hesitate to call her.

She represents a tower of strength, knowledge, understanding, and all that's good for me.

Last month, my daughter Nancy was sick with the measles. My husband and I were about frantic by the time her temperature got to 104.8 degrees.

I called Dorothy, my neighbor, and she came over. She is a registered nurse, and I knew she would give me the best of her knowledge.

She offered to help, and stood by while I called the family doctor and gave us helpful suggestions while my husband and I carried out the doctor's instructions. My daughter loves my neighbor, Dorothy, and didn't want us to touch her until Dorothy was here to stand by.

Dorothy explained that parents get very emotional over their own children and sometimes one not so close can accomplish more.

My neighbor made many trips back and forth to my home, plus phone calls, to see how Nancy was doing. It did us all good, and Nancy loved to see her.

If Nancy had had her way, Dorothy would have been here all night and day. She brought many trays of food and drink knowing that something different would appeal to a child, and wanting to keep her strength up as much as possible.

I don't know what I would have done without Dorothy.

When the Campfire Girls in our district had a caroling practice session and no piano player, Dorothy said that she would be glad to play.

She is not a neighbor who goes from house to house, and I doubt that many even know her name, since she's only lived in the neighborhood about a year.

She is a quiet and true friend for those who want and need a quiet and true friend. Other children go to visit her as much as my daughter, and I know she couldn't be in better

hands. What do I think of my neighbor? She is a rare combination of friendliness, generosity, intelligence, and quiet warmth. And she doesn't even know the meaning of vanity!

Her name is Mrs. Dorothy Ward, and she lives at 3220 W. 168th St., alone with her son Herbie, who attends college and works full time.

You have only to speak to her son for a few minutes to realize what kind of a mother raised him. I must not forget to mention their boxer dog, Am brose, and their bird.

They are a small but wonderful family.

P.S. — My husband says that if it isn't just a woman's world, he would like to cast his vote for L. J. (Jack) Rooks, 16715 Falda, as a swell neighbor.

P.S.S. — If you have a neighbor you'd like others to meet, write to "Neighbor," The Torrance Press, 3238 Sepulveda Blvd., Torrance, and tell us about her (or him).



MEET MY NEIGHBOR, Mrs. Dorothy Ward, with (left) Mrs. Ruby Kuscienska, and her daughter, Nancy.

## Foods Co. Offers Flu Protection

Flu protection will be made available as a public service by Foods Co. Markets.

Inoculations will be given from 7 to 10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25, at Foods Co. Markets located at 17500 Crenshaw Blvd. and 2655 Pacific Coast Hwy.

Price is \$1 per shot. A medical doctor will be in attendance.

Also available will be Salk and Sabin polio vaccine.

## Check Your Lights for Safety's Sake

Next time you take your car out of the garage, or before you start it in the morning, in case you park it outside, step on the brake pedal and look for brake light reflections.

Lights working? If not, you are robbing yourself of an important protection, says the California Highway Patrol.

The tendency of many drivers to follow too closely means that a sudden stop or sudden stop or slowdown without the warning flash of brake lights leaves you helpless.

The Highway Patrol adds: "Make sure your brake lights are in good operating condition, and don't forget to check head lamps and tail lights, too."

## Inside the Press

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## Bicycle Safety Education Program To Be Tried During School Hours

The Torrance Board of Education voted Monday night to incorporate the bicycle safety education program into school hours for a year's tryout.

The vote came on the motion of Bert M. Lynn, vice president, who suggested that the results be evaluated at the end of a year to see if it should be continued on school time.

Don Hartel, of the Torrance police department, appeared before the board to request that the program be carried out during school

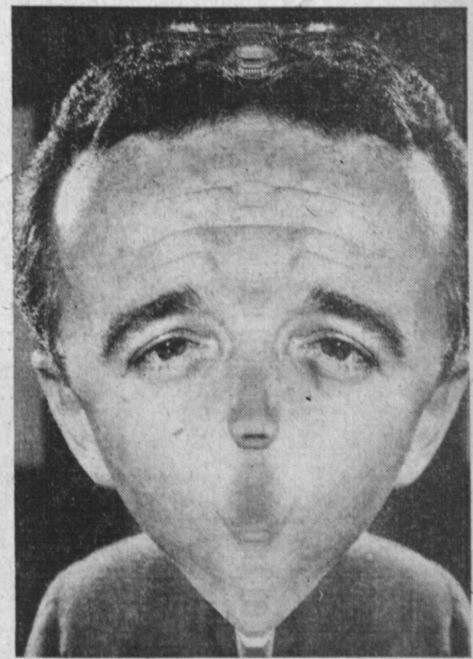
## Hey, Cooks! Send Us Your Recipe!

Entries are welcomed in the "Cook of the Week" contest being conducted by The Press. If you have a favorite recipe you would like to share, send it to the GOURMET EDITOR, Torrance Press, 3238 Sepulveda Blvd., Torrance, Calif.

Weekly winners receive a \$5 check. Pictures of this week's winner, and her recipe, appear in the Food and Family section.



JOSEPH VIA CAVA, recently promoted and transferred to Sears' Del Amo store as soft lines merchandise manager, is shown with a rack of his "soft lines" at the store. Via Cava came to Torrance from the Ventura store and joined Sears 12 years ago. He and his family—wife, Betty; sons, Jay, 17; Paul, 13; and Andrew, 9—are in the process of moving to this area. Via Cava says he's glad to be with us. "I like it here in Torrance very much," he said. —PRESS photo



NERVOUS? No, just waiting for the city-wide Crazy Days sale in Torrance, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, January 31st, Feb. 1st and 2nd. Wise buyers will be watching for bargains like crazy. Yes, everybody's going to take advantage of the zaniest sale ever to hit Torrance. You, too? —PRESS photo